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I believe that the proposed settlement in the U.S. vs. Microsoft anti-trust case is woefully inadequate and will not achieve the desired effect of curbing Microsoft's monopolistic practices.

Certain terms are defined too narrowly in the settlement; unless these definitions are amended to include future products Microsoft will be able to skirt around the spirit of the settlement and continue with its monopolistic and predatory behavior.

Definition K: "Microsoft Middleware Product"

This definition should be amended to include .NET, given that Microsoft is touting C# and .NET as the middleware of the future. Open source implementations of .NET standards have to be able to compete effectively with Microsoft.

Definition U: "Windows Operating System Product"

This definition should also include Intel-compatible operating systems Windows XP Table PC edition and Windows CE. Given that Microsoft is focusing on the Tablet PC as the future business platform of choice, omitting these operating systems will mean that future court cases about handheld OSs are inevitable.

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